

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Previously amended) A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising contacting a compound with a cell or a cell extract expressing Cks1 and Skp2 or Cks1, p27 and Skp2, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either p27 or Cks1.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination of p27 or degradation of p27 or Cks1.
- B⁴ 4. (Previously amended) A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising adding a compound in a purified system containing Cks1 and Skp2 or Cks1, p27 and Skp2, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either p27 or Cks1.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination of p27 or degradation of p27 or Cks1.
7. (Currently amended) A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising adding a compound in a purified system containing Skp2 and one or both of a polypeptide corresponding to the carboxy terminus of the human p27 chain having the sequence NAGSVEWTPKKPGLRRRQT (SEQ. ID. NO: 91) with or without a phosphothreonine at position 187 and Cks1, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either the polypeptide or Cks1.

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9. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination of the polypeptide or degradation of the polypeptide or Cks1.
